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Adopt-a-stream – Hickam, in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu, will be sponsoring an Adopt-A-Stream cleanup effort Saturday. The volunteers will be cleaning up three streams/channels in the Waimanalo area. Volunteers will meet at 7 a.m. in the Burger King parking lot and will return around noon. Participants will drive privately owned vehicles to the cleanup sites. Volunteers without POVs will be able to carpool with other participants. Maps will be provided to those wishing to drive their vehicles. Youth 12 to 18 years old are welcome to participate as well. To volunteer, contact Senior Master Sgt. Lewis Weaver at 449-7456, email at lewis.weaver@hickam.af.mil or Tech. Sgt. Edward Marsch at 449-5213, e-mail edward.marsch@hickam.af.mil to sign up.

Free day at zoo – The Honolulu Zoo hosts a military appreciation day Saturday. All military ID card holders get in free. The first 5,000 members receive a free lunch also. The events begin at 10 a.m. Military members can park free at Kapiolani Community College and a free shuttle bus service will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to and from the zoo.

Professional seminar – The Hawaii Top Three has opening for the next Airmen professional development seminar Wednesday and Thursday. The target audience is Airmen first class and senior Airmen two years after the first term Airmen's center and prior to attending Airman leadership school. Graduates of the course increase professional knowledge and report having a greater appreciation and commitment towards the Air Force. Supervisors are encouraged to nominate candidates for the course by contacting Senior Master Sgt. Richard Vogel at richard.vogel@hickam.af.mil or 448-3429 or Master Sgt. Todd Parish at todd.parish@hickam.af.mil or 448-0052.

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Command Establishes Kenny HQ

By Tech. Sgt. Martin Jackson
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Pacific Air Forces established the George C. Kenney Headquarters (Provisional) here Wednesday. "This is an exciting time in Pacific Air Forces as we standup the General George C. Kenney Headquarters a provisional full-service, operational level headquarters," said Gen. Paul Hester, PACAF commander. "It will serve as the premier joint forces air and space command and control organization with a standing 24/7 Air Operations Center to serve both the PACAF commander and the commander, United States Pacific Command."

This newly formed warfighting headquarters, named after General George C. Kenney, a pioneer in aerial warfare strategy and tactics in the Pacific theater, is commanded by Lt. Gen. Gene Renuart, who is also currently the PACAF vice commander. The headquarters will focus exclusively on planning and executing military operations throughout the Pacific theater, excluding the Korean Peninsula.

"The day-to-day focus of the headquarters is warfighting and contingency response," said General Renuart. "Headquarters PACAF will maintain responsibility for organizing, training and equipping our Airmen."

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Photo by Jerry "Monk" Banks

Lt. Gen. Gene Renuart, Pacific Air Forces vice commander, speaks to the new Kenney HQ staff.

Scoops up



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Randy Mallard

1st Lt. Molly Chester at 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron, assembles an ice cream cone at the new Manhattan dining facility in Southwest Asia which opened May 21. Lieutenant Chester is deployed from the 15th Services Squadron here. For more on the new dining facility, see A3.

School liaison says goodbye

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

Alice Patton says farewell to Team Hickam. Mrs. Patton has served as the Hickam School Liaison for the past two years.

Alice shares a few things for parents to be mindful of for their children's education.

"For children to be successful in school, parents and families need to be actively involved in their children's learning," she said. "They need to become involved early and stay involved throughout the school year. By showing interest in their children's education, parents spark enthusiasm for learning."

"Parents, remember your role of mentor and guide. Make your home a place of safety, acceptance and love," she continued. "Build feelings of self-worth by showing your children how they are special. Set limits to make children feel secure and teach them responsibility."

Mrs. Patton shares the Military Parent's Pledge, written by the Bureau For At-Risk Youth:

1. I will be a good role model for my child, setting an example of appropriate behavior.

2. I will help my child feel loved and valued through what I say and do.

3. I will show my child the same respect I expect to be shown by my child.

4. I will praise my child for his or her successes and efforts toward success.

5. I will create opportunities for my child to feel successful and help my child to meet new challenges confidently.

6. I will recognize that each child is unique, developing at his or her own pace. I will make sure my expectations are appropriate to my child's age and stage of development.

7. I will establish effective communication with my child. During periods of separation I will stay in touch through letters, calls, cassettes or video messages.

8. I will spend time with my child in activities we both enjoy. Even though my military job sometimes require me to be away from home, I will be sure to make time for my child when I am home.

9. I will correct my child in positive ways, focusing on the misbehavior, not my child's self-worth.

10. I will love my child unconditionally. Through words and gestures, I will let my child know he or she is a lovable, capable and worthwhile human being.

The new school liaison has not been named yet.

For assistance during the interim, contact Joel Shaw at 448-1576.

MTI recruiting team to visit

The Basic Military Training Instructor Recruiting Team will be hosting a briefing June 16 at 8:30 a.m. in the community center ballroom.

Senior Airmen with at least 36 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years Total Active Federal Military Service can attend the briefing and learn more about this career. Enlisted personnel from all Air Force Specialty Codes that meet the previously identified criteria are eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend the briefing. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited.

"Everyone remembers




their MTI," said Master Sgt. Antoinette Williams, MTI Recruiting Team superintendent. "The MTI sets the stage for each individual's success in the Air Force and mentors hundreds of new Air Force members. The job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding our future

Airmen. Besides these intangible benefits we also are entitled to special duty assignment pay and an annual supplemental clothing allowance."

The team can expedite the processing of applications if individuals bring the completed forms with them to the briefing. In addition, the team will conduct interviews, assist with completing applications and begin the screening process.

To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application and MTI Interview Worksheet, contact Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron at 448-2583. (Information courtesy of the MTI Recruiting Team.)



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Critical Days of SUMMER

Use of headphones, earphones

The wearing of portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices while operating a motor vehicle and while jogging/running, bicycling, skating or skateboarding on roads and streets on DoD installations is prohibited. Use of those devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, the approach of vehicles, and human speech.

Source: DODI 6055.4, para 6.6

15th AW should be about ...

We support, we support, we support

By Col.
Bill “Goose” Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

After two months on the job I've solidified my view of what the 15th AW should be about ... “we support, we support, we support.” We support the 140 tenant units on Hickam as they support the Pacific Command in ensuring the U.S. Air Force is ready and able to exercise our national strategy in the Pacific.

We support the Department of Defense and other authorized users with global airlift as we prepare for the first overseas basing of C-17s. These aircraft will greatly enhance our ability to deliver people and equipment exactly when and where needed in support of national objectives.

We support the men and women of Hickam AFB and will endeavor to set the conditions so that each and every person can reach their full potential.

Each member of this team is vital to accomplishing these three tasks. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication day in and day out. I know that I can expect continued outstanding performance in the future.

Speaking of outstanding performers, let me take a moment to recognize Tech. Sgt. Dale Bullock, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, for her dedication to the mission. Recently a jet from one of our sister services made an emergency landing at Hickam. The aircraft had multiple malfunctions and it seemed as though it would miss its

departure date. While some may have given up, Sergeant Bullock made a difference with her actions. She honchoed the repair process and the aircraft was able to depart with the carrier. Her persistence and focus reflects well on Team Hickam and the Air Force... great job!

Congratulations to all of the Team Hickam graduating seniors. The journey is just beginning for you all. Keep up the good work and remember education is a vital part of your future.

Summer is here and many of you are planning your vacations. Please enjoy your time off, but do so safely. You are an important part of the Team Hickam family and the Air Force family. Enjoy the beautiful weather here in Hawaii and be safe!



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, addresses a new arrival's question during the Ohana Aloha briefing Tuesday.

Deep appreciation to those serving

Susana Choy
Contributing writer

Before I started working with the military in Hawaii, I had only a foggy concept of anyone who served in the United States military - as warriors or as people. But since my first day on base, I've had the opportunity to understand, love, respect and care for a number of military members I work with or see regularly. I've never expressed this vocally to anyone but now they know.

With the recent deployment of so many military personnel and the report of the deaths of more and more members of the armed forces, the fact that there's a war out there, really hits home. And the homes that are hit the hardest, are the ones that have lost a loved one overseas.

To that, I can only say that I hope I'm never placed in that position, and I doubt I ever will.

To be a civilian spouse of an armed forces member is not my calling. I wouldn't want to deal with the stress, worry, and loneliness of, in my case, having my husband leave for months, possibly years on end.

I think that's asking a lot from any indi-

vidual. I know there are those of you out there who never thought you'd be married to an active member of our armed forces. That was a choice made somewhere down the line after “I do.”

I think that those you who decided to stick it out and stepped up to the plate, are either crazy or courageous or both. Based on what I've seen and heard, it's both. Love makes us a little bit crazy and opens the door for us to find the courage to stand by those we love.

Why have I written this? What started me on this train of thought was a simple, heart-wrenching story.

It was late, about 3 a.m. and I couldn't get back to sleep. Next thing I know, I'm at the computer reading stories, probably posted by other insomniacs, when I came upon a mention of Pfc. Jesse Givens' story written by a reporter from the Rocky Mountain News.

Although we have our own local versions of their “America at War” series, I'd always avoided reading them. Maybe in the back of my mind, I really wasn't ready to connect to the reality of Operation Iraqi Freedom on an emotional level. So why did I read about Pfc. Givens? I guess I just got sucked in by the plug.

On the surface, it's a story about a soldier who drowned in Iraq and how his widow and sons are coping with his death. Peering up just beneath the surface is a tale of love, hope, loss, patriotism, the consequences and inadequacies of a stressed government. Dig deeper and you'll find courage, inner strength, forgiveness, redemption.

This is one story I won't easily forget. More importantly, I now have a greater awareness and appreciation for you, our country's warriors, those who love you, and the sacrifices you all make. And while I'm not a proponent of war, I do understand the importance of and need for a well-trained military force. The phrase “Freedom is not free” rings all too true these days.

I don't express my appreciation and thanks to those who make a difference in my life often enough so I'm taking this opportunity to say 'Thank you.' No matter what reason you may have had for joining or remaining in the United State's armed forces, thank you all and take care.

The story, published March 19, can be found at www.rockymountainnews.com/. Once there, search for Jesse Givens.

Hickam
Diamond Tips



Military Image: While in uniform, standing or walking with hands in your pockets is unauthorized. Hands are only allowed to be placed in your pockets briefly to retrieve or insert a personal item.

(Source: 96th Air Force Uniform Board Results, June 2004)

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant.

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

It also allows you to recognize individuals who go “above and beyond” in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Hickam Community Housing
Comment: There is a problem arising with the new

Hickam Community Housing of which I do not know if you are aware.

March 8, all residents on Melia Court received a letter regarding excessive toys and clutter in front yards, carports and common areas.

This week a second letter was sent out. One resident called and inquired about it and was told by the staff the letter is a blanket for all residents. Most people on the court have very small back yards and so the play space is limited for the children.

Since storage space is limited, most people use their backyards as storage, making an already small playing space even smaller.

Most of the residents allow their children to play with their toys outside and then put the toys away after use. If the problem is that HCH has issues with the number of toys being used at one time, then they need to keep in mind that almost all residents have children. So when children are outside playing, yes, there is going to be a plethora of toys being used at one time.

Response: Maintaining a safe, clean housing area is a team effort for all military members living on base, not

just those residing in the Hickam Community Housing area.

March 8 and April 21, Hickam Community Housing delivered letters to all residents on Melia Court asking for their help in cleaning up the excessive toys in front yards and common areas.

These letters were delivered in order to bring the court up to the standards of the HCH Resident Guide, which was developed from our existing guide for non-privatized housing. The letters were written in a general nature to educate all residents and to request compliance before the issuance of warning letters.

I apologize if some were offended-these letters were not intended to “blame.” HCH and its entire staff are committed to enhancing the community and seek to educate their residents before issuing specific letters of warning.

I have asked HCH to refrain from using the word “notice” in subsequent canvassing letters, as this term has frequently been associated with yard tickets citing specific infractions of the housing guide.

Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

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Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300

Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754

Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125

Hickam Voices

How do you keep cool during the Hawaiian summers?



After a long day's work, I wipe the perspiration from my brow with whatever is nearest my desk. The usual victim is an EPR, OPR or decoration, but the SSSs work best. Then I head over to the shoppette to grab a beef-jerky flavored slushy and a jalapeno-flavored pickle for the drive home with the windows down and the music pumping.

Capt. Robert Alvord
15th Operations Group



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A 12,000 BTU window
air conditioner unit. Hoa!

Master Sgt. Clifford Lucente
17th Operational Weather
Squadron



I keep cool by eating plenty of
Italian Shaved Ice and can't forget
vanilla ice cream at the bottom.

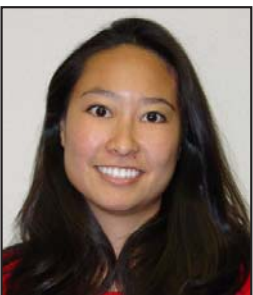
**Staff Sgt.
Rosalinda Campos**
15th Aerospace Dental Squadron



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The same way I do in winter (it's
Hawaii), by going to school in
Hangar 2 which is air conditioned.

Kevin Hale
Pacific Air Forces



I take my dog out for a walk and
we sit under a shady tree.

Leah Young
15th Airlift Wing

Next week's question:

June 10: What's your best travel tip?

To respond to this question, send an email to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil with a response and phone number to contact you.

Dessert in the desert

New Manhattan dining facility in Southwest Asia – feeding machine

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

'When the world is running down, you make the best of what's still around' - *Sting, The Police's Zenyatta Mondatta*
At 4:55 a.m. the alarm clock has again been beaten to the sucker's punch by the no-dreaming team of a chainsaw-like snoring roommate and the already-blinding Southwest Asia sun.

A boonie hat provides temporary, limited relief from the rays, but nothing can stop the devil's heated breath of a wind blowing the sand sideways while walking the 50 yards to the communal shower.

All the while your mind a mini-cathedral to the toiletry gods that you remembered a bottle of water in your kit for tooth cleaning purposes.

It's 110 degrees more than seven hours before the sun is at its scorching zenith, and the first of five drenching daily sweats is another desperate reminder for a taste of home to remove the taste of dust and dirt.

Enter the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron and the new Manhattan dining facility which opened May 21.

"Sometimes, it's the little things that count," according to Lt. Col. Dave Preston, 379th ESVS commander. "We've given the facility a more welcoming ambiance with plants and pictures as well as the plasma screen televisions to help keep our Airmen up to date on world news and sports."

Not too mention the main agenda for the patrons, Colonel Preston said.

"The food served can't be beat. A continuously-rotating menu ensures there's something for everyone," the Norfolk, Va., native said. "Each day, there's a nutritionally balanced selection of tasty, healthy food ensuring our warriors are 'fit to fight.'"

It's a combination even the most skeptical American taxpayer can appreciate.

"Tell your mom to relax ... you're eating right, at the Manhattan dining facility," he said.

For one patron, the atmosphere represents a welcomed utensil upgrade as well as a chance to avoid sharing a table with unwanted dining guests.

"You don't get the feeling you're deployed, there are no tents flapping or loud air conditioners and especially no flies," said Staff Sgt. Amy Murphy, 16th Expeditionary Special Operations Wing. "It's nice to eat with real silverware instead of plastic."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Randy Mallard

Master Sgt. Richard Scott, 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron Combat Support flight chief from 15th SVS, serves a plate of food to Airmen 1st Class Douglas Woods during the Manhattan opening May 21.

"No more 'double forkin' it," she shared.

It's just one more services' service the members of Team Hickam are bringing to the theater, according to Master Sgt. Richard Scott, 379th ESVS Combat Support flight chief deployed from 15th SVS here.

"The cutting edge training we received at home station is a testament to the dedication our Airmen brings to the joint team," Sergeant Scott said. "With 24 hour operations at many of our facilities, our Airmen hit the ground running and have not stopped."

"Team Hickam Services is doing our part providing the Desert Eagles 'Mission First' combat services," he concluded.

The new facility is built for both quality and quantity, according to Master Sgt. Byron Nelson, 379th ESVS Food Service flight chief.

"We can seat 358 personnel in the main dining area and 36 in the Twin Towers distinguished visitors dining room," the Spanish Fork, Utah native said. "Per meal, we average around 1,400 patrons."

But before the first customer-service questionnaire could be handed out, dollars and common sense went into the design and construction of the Manhattan, he said.

"The facility cost more than \$2 million, with more than \$500,000 of that going to new equipment alone. In excess of 55,000 man hours were dedicated to ensuring the 14,000 square-foot building was ready from the moment

we opened the doors for business."

The dining facility is the entire package, according to 1st Lt. Molly Chester, also deployed here from 15th SVS.

"I see, everyday, the effect [Team Hickam] has on the morale of the people here; Airmen, Marines, Soldiers, shipmates and deployed civilians alike," Lieutenant Chester said. "It's hot and we all work very long days, so creative programming and good food are bare necessities for morale."

As with all installations in Southwest Asia, the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing is a guest of its host nation, but while the Manhattan is the most recent example, it is far from the end game of 379th SVS quality-of-life initiatives, Colonel Preston said.

"The long-term vision is going to transition the services squadron from a sustainment phase to steady-state operations, encompassing everything from dormitory rooms, a state of the art fitness center and another dining facility located in Millennium Village."

The order for another wave of silverware has already been placed.

Other news

Members of the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom celebrated Senior Airman David Westpy's 24th birthday May 15. Happy birthday!

Congratulations Radford Class of 2005

The following Team Hickam youth graduate from Radford High School today.

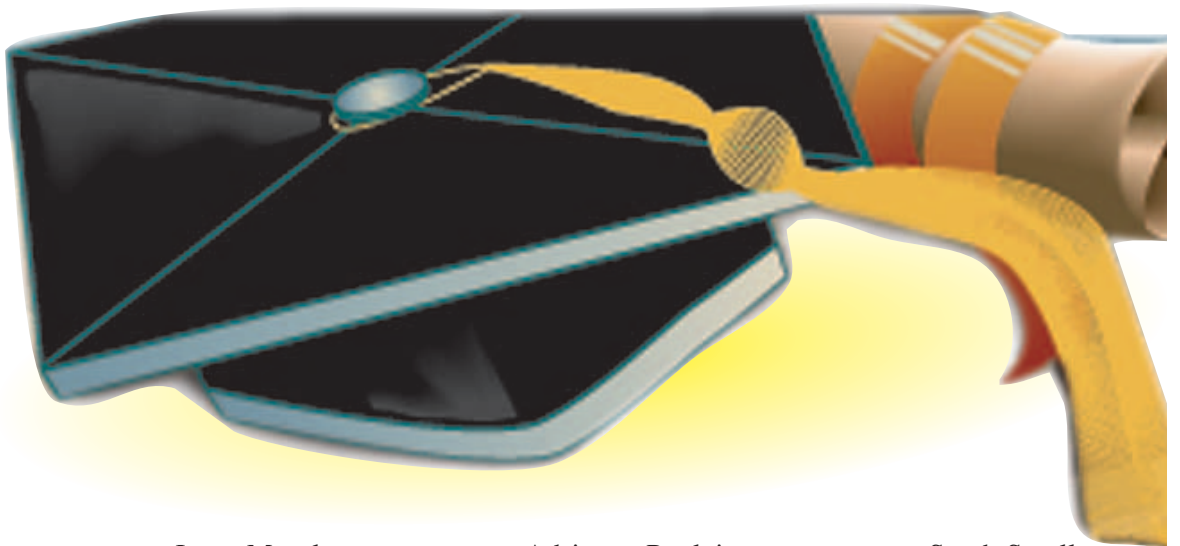
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De'Sean Thomas
Ian Travers
Amanda Uphoff
Victor Ward
Cameron Williams
Marissa Woolley



Scouts honor heroes



Courtesy photo

Boy Scouts place leis on graves during the Memorial Day Good Turn event at the National Memorial Cemetary of the Pacific Sunday. (Front) Peyton Cornelius, left, Kyle Niewierski, right, and Zachary Olmstead (back) participated in the event honoring military veterans who are buried at the cemetary.

WARFIGHTING, From A1

The headquarters will benefit from its proximity to Hickam's existing Pacific Air and Space Operations Center, which serves as the Joint Force Air Component Commander's operational headquarters, extending from the California coast to the western borders of India and from Alaska down to Antarctica.

“The KHQ(P) will arm the Pacific with a full time, standing Coalition/Joint Force Air and Space Component Commander who is also prepared to Command any Joint Task Force, when tasked,” said General Hester. “It provides a network-centric approach to operations that includes the fusion of globally connected Air and Space Operations Centers with Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Strike capabilities for real-time visibility and precision execution of all contingency and deliberately planned operations.”

Standing-up the provisional unit is the prelude to the activation of the headquarters this fall, which is part of the Air Force's plan to establish a continuously operating network of ten warfighting headquarters that support geographic and functional combatant commanders throughout the world.

“This is the first step in standing up as a permanent organization,” said Col. Mark B. Tapper, chief of staff, KHQ(P). “Having

a provisional unit enables a seamless transition from day-to-day operations to a fully operational and mission capable unit for the unified combatant commander as the air component.”

According to Colonel Tapper, first standing up a provisional unit enables them to establish practices and operations for the unit before the activation in the fall.

“The headquarters, composed of experts from various functional areas, allows us to ensure we right-size the organization with the right people in the right places,” Colonel Tapper said. “We are also able to continue working the relationships and processes with PACOM, PACAF, and the Numbered Air Forces.”

The Air Force's ability to employ forces anywhere in the world enhances national security and ensures military objectives are met.

“The KHQ(P) is the center of PACAF's on-going transformation effort to better posture forces, enable new warfighting concepts, and enhance transformational capabilities such as the F/A-22, C-17 and Global Hawk, said General Hester. “Air and Space power conquers quickly the challenge of the vastness of the Pacific, often expressed as the 'tyranny of distance.’”

OAF comes to Hickam

By 1st Lt. Joy Morgan
15th Security Forces Squadron

Throughout the summer, nearly 3,000 U.S. Air Force Academy and AF Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets will be departing from their home stations for locations across the globe.

Numerous base units will host Academy and ROTC cadets in support of Operation Air Force. PACAF will host nearly 350 academy cadets at eight bases during the three periods of the program. These cadets will work alongside both enlisted members and officers during three, three-week periods to gain realistic experiences, training and leadership opportunities.

Beginning this year, USAFA and AFROTC increased the time cadets spend in the operational Air Force. The increase significantly raises cadets' familiarity with and understanding of real-world Air Force operations and more closely aligns Air Force cadets' operational experiences gained through these internship programs with similar programs of the Navy and Army.

In the past, Ops AF motivated rising Second Class USAFA cadets (juniors) and rising senior AFROTC cadets toward careers in the Air Force through base orientations, briefings and incentive flights. This year's program has changed significantly, making it a work program that also includes rising Third Class (sophomore) and First Class (senior) cadets.

The objectives of the improved program are twofold: Focus and orient cadets on Air Force missions and culture through direct exposure to and experience with operational units; and use gained skill sets to contribute to host-unit mission accomplishment. This internship program gives cadets the opportunity to see firsthand how our wing contributes to the world's greatest air and space force in establishing and maintaining air dominance.

Hickam members from every unit have stepped up to participate in this program. Company grade officers or senior noncommissioned officers who would like to become a sponsor and get involved with this program, contact 1st Lt. Joy Morgan at 449-2200 or Capt. Bradley Dickerson at 449 2781.

NOTES, From A1

Classes at Hangar 2 – Moanalua/Aiea Community School hosts day classes for adults in Hangar 2. High school diploma, English as a second language, English and math review classes are tuition free. Computer classes are offered for \$30. The summer session is Monday through July 27. Register in Room 127 of Hangar 2 today between 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

HOSC event – The Hickam Officers’ Spouses Club will hold a membership appreciation aloha social June 14 at the officers’ club Polynesian gazebo. The social begins at 9:30 a.m. and breakfast will begin at 10 a.m. The event is free to all HOSC members in good standing. Reservations must be made by noon June 10. For reservations, contact Jolande Murray (A-L) at 423-7097 or Jeannette Ramirez (M-Z) at 422-7444.

Promotion celebration – The Chief Master Sergeants of Hawaii invite all of Team Hickam to join in congratulating Team Hickam’s newest master sergeant and technical sergeant selects June 16 at 4:30 at the enlisted club. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Michael Rennie at 449-4546.

Donation – Members of the General Daniel “Chappie” James Jr. Masonic Lodge number 4, donated a variety of items to the Airmen’s Attic Wednesday. Items included VCRs, DVDs, toys, children and adult clothing, games, a lawn mower and a bike.

Babysitting classes – Youth ages 11 to 18 who are interested in becoming American Red Cross-certified babysitters, a course will be offered June 18. The cost is \$35 and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 449-0166 or stop by the Red Cross office at 655 Vickers Ave.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving – AADD is now available for special event and functions. If a squadron is holding a special event or function and alcohol is available, AADD can be made available for the unit. Interested squadrons should contact Airman 1st Class Tara Newcomb at tara.newcomb@hickam.af.mil, at least two weeks prior to your event.

People interested in volunteering for AADD, contact Airman Newcomb at 448-2115 or Airman 1st Class Darin Stout at 449-5916. AADD is on call 6

p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Sunday and all Wing down days and holidays. AADD is not operational during the weekdays or weeknights unless a special event has been scheduled through a program coordinator. Call 449-RIDE or 449-LIFT for a designated driver. If someone has any problems contacting 449-RIDE or 449-LIFT during operating hours, call a program coordinator on standby at 620-4939.

Volunteers needed – The Hickam Airman’s Attic is in need of volunteers during the following hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To volunteer, contact the attic at 449-5677.

OU programs – The University of Oklahoma offers a master of arts in managerial economics and a master of public administration. The school’s non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months. The one week classes are very TDY and TAD friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364 or *aphickam@ou.edu* for more information or visit the OU website at *www.goou.ou.edu*.



Theft of private property

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about her son's bicycle being stolen from their quarters. Estimated value: \$130.

Assault

Two military family members assaulted each other in a brawl near the tennis courts. All subjects was charged and released to their sponsors.

Attempted burglary

Security forces responded to an alarm activation at the Hickam Dive Shop. Signs of forced entry were present; however no items were taken.

Damage to and theft of private property

A civilian contractor notified security forces about his privately owned vehicle being broken into while parked at the enlisted club. Total cost of stolen items: \$13,000.

Hit and run

A civilian employee notified security forces about her privately owned vehicle being damaged. Estimated damage: \$2000.

Vandalism

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about his privately owned vehicle being damaged. The letter “I” was spray painted on the vehicles hatch door.

Shoplifting

A military family member was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. They were processed and eventually released. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$29.

Planning, preparing can save heartache for military retirees and their families

DENVER – "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." - Benjamin Franklin

Life can find ways to catch us unprepared. Falling in love, unanticipated fortune or finding the perfect secret fishing hole. Sometimes, it's the pleasant surprises that add the spice to make life interesting and worthwhile.

But it's the surprises that bring the anxious moments and unforeseen heartache, especially to those close to us, that are best avoided.

For some, the idea of death is an unpleasant one best avoided. Unfortunately, death itself cannot be so easily avoided and the failure to plan can cause additional stress for spouses and families when they are least able to cope with it.

"Families can get overwhelmed when tragedy strikes," said Navy Captain Karl Bernhardt, director of Retired and Annuitant Pay for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). "Many of the retirees we support have wives, husbands and families who are left with unfinished business when the retiree passes away. Unfortunately, many have no idea that action is required to notify DFAS of the death in order to avoid overpayments of retired pay."

In addition to maintaining the pay accounts of active and reserve military members, DFAS administers the Military Retirement Fund and pays approximately 2 million retirees each month.

"We make every effort to strike a balance," Bernhardt said. "On one hand, we need to make sure each retiree is paid the right amount on time. On the other, we have a responsibility to safeguard the fund on behalf of the American taxpayers. When a retiree dies, his or her entitlement to retired pay ends and any payments made after that must be recovered."

DFAS is required to recover all overpayments. In many cases, this means simply transferring funds

from the retiree's bank account back to DFAS. However, if the funds have been spent or distributed, debt collection efforts can be initiated to reclaim the money. This can be especially difficult for elderly spouses.

When a military retiree dies, a number of federal, state and local agencies have procedures for notifying DFAS. These include the Social Security Administration, Veteran's Administration, military service casualty assistance offices, and state and local veteran affairs offices.

Overpayments occur when spouses and families fail to contact these agencies, or DFAS itself, and notify them that the deceased was a military retiree.

"It falls to the spouse, children or close friends to take care of many things," Bernhardt said, "including

the termination of retired pay. In many cases, the survivors don't know the requirements or procedures. Months later, they are burdened with collection efforts. It's a situation that can be lessened or eliminated with a bit of planning."

The casualty assistance offices of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps encourage retirees to develop a checklist for their spouse and families to help them navigate the difficult transition when the retiree dies. Most military base casualty assistance or retired affairs offices can help in completing this list, or lists can be downloaded from the Internet from service and veteran organization Web sites.

According to Bernhardt, a few hours spent gathering the information for the list will save months of aggravation and grief later on.

"The checklist can be kept with a retiree's will and other legal documents. When the time comes and

those documents are needed, the checklist is ready to guide the survivors through the legal and governmental processes. I would recommend putting the notification of DFAS near the top of the list."

DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay Services maintains a customer contact center staffed with experts in all aspects of retired pay. The center can be contacted at (800) 321-1080. Callers who select the menu option for death notifications receive a higher priority and are routed to staff members who can assist them in terminating retired pay and initiating the process for survivor's benefits.

A survivor's checklist can help eliminate the unwelcome surprises in life, allowing more time to enjoy the benefits the military retirement. As Benjamin Franklin observed, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." *(Information courtesy of DFAS.)*

Get more information on developing a survivor's checklist by visiting a retired affairs or casualty assistance office at most military installations, or by visiting the following Internet sites:

Air Force Retiree Services Branch: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afretire/>

Army Retiree Services Office: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/mission.asp>

Military Officers Association of America: <http://www.moaa.org/Publications/SurvivorChecklist.asp>

Navy Casualty Assistance (Pers-62): <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/CasualtyAssistance/>

Navy Retired Activities Branch: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/RetiredActivities/>

Marine Corps Community Services: <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/retiree/index.cfm>

Retired and annuitant pay information is available from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service at www.dod.mil/dfas/money/retired/. Retiree pay account service is available by calling (800) 321-1080. The customer contact center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Eastern time).

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TRICARE benefits continue when military sponsor dies

TRICARE-eligible family members, whose sponsor dies while on active duty, continue to receive TRICARE benefits.

During the three years following a sponsor's death, surviving spouses and children under 21 years of age (23, if enrolled in a full-time course of study in an institution of higher learning) remain eligible for TRICARE Prime without enrollment fees and copayments. Surviving family members may enroll in TRICARE Prime where offered, but lose eligibility for TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members, if enrolled in that program at the time of the sponsor's death. Surviving family members who are not enrolled in TRICARE Prime may use TRICARE Extra or Standard, but are subject to the appropriate active duty cost-shares and annual deductible requirements for each program. During the three-year survivor benefit period, surviving family members are protected from having to pay out-of-pocket expenses of more than \$1,000 per fiscal year, for TRICARE allowable charges for covered services.

Surviving family members who are already enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program

(TDP) at the time of the service member's death remain eligible for dental care under the plan. They pay no dental premiums during the three-year transitional survivor period. If surviving family members are not already enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program at the time of the service member's death, they are ineligible for the TDP, but may enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP). Under the TRDP, enrollees are responsible for one hundred percent of the premium cost.

Surviving family members who choose to live outside the United States should check with the overseas TRICARE Service Center, as their benefits will differ slightly from those available in the United States.

At the end of the three-year survivor benefit period, eligible surviving family members' TRICARE coverage converts to that of retiree family members. Eligible family members may enroll in TRICARE Prime where available, but must pay the same annual enrollment fees and copays as retiree family members. Those who do not enroll in TRICARE

Prime convert to retiree family member status under TRICARE Extra or Standard, with the appropriate deductible and cost-share requirements for each program. Beneficiaries remain eligible for TRICARE pharmacy benefits and may enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.

The out-of-pocket payment expenses for survivors in retiree family member status are limited to \$3,000 per fiscal year, for TRICARE allowable charges for covered services.

If the survivor reaches age 65 or is disabled and becomes entitled to Medicare Part A, they must purchase Medicare Part B to retain TRICARE coverage. TRICARE survivor status ends if the surviving spouse remarries. Surviving spouse status can not be regained later, even if the surviving spouse later

divorces or the new spouse dies.

It is extremely important for survivors to update their TRICARE eligibility in the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System. Surviving family members may go to the nearest Uniformed Services identification card facility www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/, or contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Telephone Center at (800) 538-9552. Surviving spouses must contact the ID card facility in advance to determine the range and scope of available services.

Family members who would like to obtain information regarding the loss of a loved one or coping with grief can find information on the Military One Source Web site at www.militaryonesource.com. (*Information courtesy TRICARE.*)

Survivor benefits during the three-year survivor benefit period:			
	TRICARE Prime	TRICARE Extra	TRICARE Standard
Annual Deductible	None	\$150/individual or \$300/family for E-5 and above; \$50/\$100 for E-4 and below	\$150/individual or \$300/family for E-5 and above; \$50/\$100 for E-4 and below
Annual Enrollment Fee	None	None	None
Civilian Outpatient Visit	No cost	15 percent of negotiated fee	20 percent of allowed charges for covered service
Civilian Inpatient Admission	No cost	Greater of \$25 or \$13.90/day	Greater of \$25 \$13.90/day
Civilian Inpatient Mental Health	No cost	\$20/day	\$20/day
Civilian Inpatient Skilled Nursing Facility Care	\$0 per diem charge per admission	\$11/day (\$25 minimum) charge per admission	\$11/day (\$25 minimum) charge per admission

Survivor benefits following the three-year survivor benefit period:			
	TRICARE Prime	TRICARE Extra	TRICARE Standard
Annual Deductible	None	\$150/individual or \$300/family	\$150/individual or \$300/family
Annual Enrollment Fee	\$230/individual \$460/family	None	None
Civilian Copays		20 percent of negotiated fee	25 percent of allowed charges for covered service
Outpatient Emergency Care Mental Health Visit	\$12 \$30 \$25 \$17 (group visit)		
Civilian Inpatient Cost Share	\$11/day (\$25 minimum) charge per admission	Lesser of \$250/day or 25 percent of negotiated charges plus 20 percent of negotiated professional fees	Lesser of \$512/day or 25 percent of billed charges plus 25 percent of allowed professional fees
Civilian Inpatient Skilled Nursing Facility Care	\$11/day (\$25 minimum) charge per admission	\$250 per diem (\$25 minimum) charge per admission whichever is less, institutional services plus 20 percent cost share of separately billed professional charges	25 percent cost share of allowed charges for institutional services, plus 25 percent cost share of allowable for separately billed professional charges
Civilian Inpatient Mental Health	\$40 per day	20 percent of institutional and negotiated professional fees	Lesser of \$169/day or 25 percent of allowable fees



Editor's Note: For complete stories and more information go to www.af.mil

Air Force finalizes new utility uniform

WASHINGTON – Blue and green tiger stripes are out; the digitized pattern with subdued green, tan, blue and gray is in.

After reviewing more than 150,000 bits of feedback throughout the initial seven-month wear test of the proposed utility uniform, Air Force leaders recently decided to eliminate the original color scheme and conduct a limited field test of the new pattern.

Special operations and survival, evasion, resistance and escape Airmen will conduct a limited wear test of the new design at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Fairchild AFB, Wash., in June.

“The sole purpose of the test will be to see if we can add any features to the uniform to make it a better uniform in the field and to determine if the new colors (and) pattern provide camouflage protection they need in the field,” said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, Air Force uniform board superintendent.

Airmen who participated in the initial wear test stopped wearing the more vibrant blue-green uniform March 1. *(Story by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski, Air Force Print News)*

Airmen work with Soldiers to help Iraqi communities

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – The public works directorate here, comprising Air Force and Army civil engineers, work on everything from constructing new facilities to designing waste-water treatment facilities to installing electric power nodes.

“In short, if you need a construction project done, we do it all,” said

Uniform finalized



Photo by Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

WASHINGTON — The Air Force utility uniform's revised colors include tan, blue and two shades of green in a pixilated tiger-stripe pattern. Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray are wearing the updated utility uniform during visits to Airmen serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Maj. Thomas Niichel, 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's Detachment 2 deputy commander here. He is deployed from the Colorado Air National Guard's 240th Civil Engineer Flight at Buckley Air Force Base.

Besides being part of the Army directorate, the Airmen are also assigned to the 732nd ECES, which is a squadron with its headquarters at Balad Air Base, Iraq. It has more than 325 Airmen spread out over 12 detachments throughout U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility.

Airmen in the squadron augment Army or Marine units and provide civil engineering expertise and support in Iraq.

“The Air Force brings a unique engineering capability not usually

found in the Army,” said Col. Mike Flood, who is also deployed from the 240th CES. “Our team here is truly joint with 10 (Airmen) and five (Soldiers). *(Story by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips, 407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs)*

Airmen provide support in Operation Alaskan Road

SAN ANTONIO – A group of Airmen at Camp Wy-Wuh, Alaska, is supporting the troops of Joint Task Force Alaskan Road by making sure their camp has at least some of the comforts of home.

Operation Alaskan Road entails the construction of a 14.5-mile road on an island that is Alaska's only federally recognized Indian reservation. When completed, the road will con-

nect the town of Metlakatla with a ferry boat dock on the north end of the island that will provide quick and easy access to Ketchikan, Alaska's fifth-largest city, across the bay.

A joint force of reserve and active-duty component troops -- including Army, Navy, and Marine Corps -- is deployed here for the road-building project. On the Air Force side, six civil engineers provide critical support in camp every day, officials said.

The Airmen said they take quality of life seriously. The area may be remote, but the civil engineers ensure that basic facilities at the camp are operational, making day-to-day life as comfortable as possible.

Designed to accommodate about 220 people, the camp includes living

quarters, latrines, a dining facility and other support buildings. To keep the camp functioning, the civil engineers provide all the plumbing, carpentry, power production and electrical support. *(Story by Senior Airman Catharine Schmidt, Air Force Print News)*

Sister, brother meet up in Southwest Asia

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – An Airman here got quite a surprise when she got off the plane in a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia in transit to her final destination here.

It was the smiling face of her brother, Staff Sgt. Matthew Hochstein, an aerospace ground equipment technician with the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron who is deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

“I mentioned to him that I was going to stop there (and gave him my plane's mission number), but I didn't expect for him to be waiting for me at the bottom of the stairs when I exited the plane,” said Airman 1st Class Theresa Hochstein, a supply technician with the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron here.

Planning to call him later that night when the group of Airmen she was traveling with was dismissed to rest before their next flight, the encounter was their first meeting since Christmas.

Since this is her first deployment in her two-year tenure with the Air Force, Airman Hochstein stocked up on advice from her big brother who has been deployed five times in his military career. *(Story by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips, 407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs)*

Family support center offers classes

To register for any of these functions, call 449-0300.

Hickam play group

Tuesday to Friday sessions, June 1 to 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the youth center skating rink. Parents and children ages birth to five years old are invited to join the family support center's early childhood specialist for age-appropriate educational and recreational activities. No registration required.

Redeployment briefing

Today, June 10, 17 and 24 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. People who recently returned from a contingency or deployment of 30 days or more should plan to attend this briefing. The Hickam Community Action Team will provide essential briefings and literature to returning personnel. Call the center to register.

Family readiness briefing

Monday, June 13, 20 and 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. All active duty, civilian, and family members facing the possibility of a deployment or remote assignment are encouraged to attend. Call the center at 449-0300 to register.

Looking for employment in Hawaii

Tuesday and June 21 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Explore local employment trends, be informed on employment resources, register to use the JEMS computerized job bank, and learn how to maximize an internet job search. Call the center to register.

Money management

Tuesday and June 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. This "hands-on" class focuses on hot money issues such as budgeting and debt management principles and their application. Attendees

should bring their leave and earnings statement, credit card/loan statements, and monthly bills to the workshop. Call the center at 449-0300 to register.

Volunteer orientation

Thursday and June 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the American Red Cross, Pearl Harbor, building 1514. Volunteers are needed and wanted on Hickam. Learn about the many volunteer opportunities with the 15th Airlift Wing, PACAF, or tenant agencies. Schedule attendance through the American Red Cross at 449-0166.

Transition assistance program workshop

June 14-16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily. Join the family support center staff for a smooth and successful move to a second career or to retirement. Instructors from various agencies will provide information and training on the job search and other critical elements of the transition process. Call the center to register.

To Your Credit

June 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. A good credit score is the key to anyone's financial future. Learn how to order and read a credit report, correct errors, and increase a credit rating. Call the center to register.

Smooth move

June 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. Being prepared makes relocation less stressful. Subject matter experts will update

members on the latest policy changes that may impact their moves. Call the center at 449-0300 to register.

Interviewing with confidence

June 28 from 9 to 11 a.m. Learn the skills and techniques to turn an interview into a positive experience. Learn various techniques to negotiate the best salary and benefits package. Call the center to register.

How to start and expand your own business

June 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. This seminar offers aspiring and budding entrepreneurs an opportunity to tap into the expertise of representatives from the Small Business Administration and the State Business Action Center. Call the center to register.

Deployed/remote-tour families' meal

June 29 from 5 to 7 p.m at the Hale Aina Dining Facility. Cosponsored by the 15th Services Squadron and family support center for families of deployed or remote-tour members. Dinner, craft activities for the children, and door prizes are all planned for this evening. Call the center to register.





Child Care Providers must attend briefing

A pre-licensing briefing for prospective child care providers is held the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Family Child Care office located adjacent to the auto resale lot in Bldg. 2116. The next briefing will be held July 7.

Applicants must be base residents, 18 years old, and a high school graduate, able to read and write English and pass a National Security check. Call the Family Child Care

office at 449-1879 for full details. Please note that all persons caring for other families' children for a total of 10 hours or more per week must attend this briefing and get a license.

Flag Day Special at enlisted club

The enlisted club presents Flag Day June 14. Club members who wear any combination of red, white and blue will receive an additional \$1 off their food purchase. Call the E'Club at 449-1292 for additional information.

Kidsports presents movie all nighter

This month Kidsports will show the movies "Shrek" and "Daddy Day Care" at the June All Niter Movie Night, June 10. The evening begins at 7 p.m.



and runs to 1 a.m. Dinner and a snack will be served. Kids will participate in sporting activities and watch the movies.



Participants should bring a sleeping bag. Call 448-6611 for reservations.

Take a hike with outdoor recreation

Take a hike with Outdoor Recreation to the Kealia Trail near Dillingham Field June 12. This is an intermediate dry hike which ascends a steep pali (cliff) enroute to the summit of the Wai'anae Range. While climbing you may see glid-

ers soaring above the north shore.

At the end of the hike is a scenic overlook of a majestic natural leeward valley.

Participants should bring water, a sack lunch and sunscreen. This trip departs from the Hickam Harbor office. Call 449-5215 for more information.

Sailing classes start

Start Sailing Right is a basic sailing program which teaches students to sail several types of small sailboats. Cost includes textbook, personal flotation device (PFD) and instruction time. Classes are conducted in the evening, on the weekend and six hours of private sailing time with the instructor. Call outdoor recreation at 449-5215 for full details.

Jr. golf program deadline Monday

The popular AF \$99 Summer Jr. Golf Program is back and promises to be even better. Each registered jr. golfer will receive a set of jr. golf clubs, shirt, hat, golf balls, tee pack along with five great golf lessons, making this the easiest, most inexpensive golf program around!

Jr. golfers will be divided into two age groups: 7-10 and 11-13 year olds. The last lesson will consist of a playing lesson/golf outing on the Mamala Bay course.



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A banquet will follow and certificates of achievement will be awarded.

The program will be held June 20, 21, 27, 28, July 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26. Deadline to register is Monday. Call 449-2047 for details.

Bowling breakfast now available

West side, east side, we've got you covered for breakfast at Hickam with the beginning of Friday Early Bird Breakfast at the Bowling Center. Now you can get an outstanding freshly cooked breakfast on your side of the base.

The Early Bird Breakfast will be served every Friday in June from 6 to 11 a.m.



This month's special includes scrambled eggs, rice or hash browns, choice of bacon or ham, toast and coffee, tea or orange juice for just \$3.95! Start your Friday right with breakfast at the Bowling Center. Call 449-2702 for more information.

Special offered at ITT

The Hickam Information, Tickets & Travel office has two great specials lined up for June. Purchase one adult ticket to the "Magic of Polynesia" Show for just \$29 and get another adult ticket free! Or, choose the Alii Kai Dinner Cruise and get the same 2 for 1 special. Cost is just \$38 for two!

These specials are reserved for Hawaii residents only. For more information, call ITT at 449-2230.

Product Demo Day at Mamala Bay

Come out to Demo Day at Mamala Bay June 11 and try out the new products from Titleist.

Demo Day runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pro Shop. Call 449-2047 for more details.



Prepare now for July 4th Blast

Plan now to attend "Absolutely the top 'ohana' July 4th celebration on the island right here on your beach!" It will be non-stop weekend fun for four days on the beach at Hickam Harbor.

Be among the first to experience camping on the beach at Hickam. Camp sites open at 3 p.m. July 1. On Saturday, wakeup and participate in the Beach Blast 500 meter swim (9 a.m. start/\$10 entry fee includes t-shirt). Then get ready for a day of fun for both kids and adults including the Aama Crab Race, Fear Factor and the ever-popular "Rock Skipping Contest"!

The Beach Blast heats up

July 3 with the exciting Hammerhead Shark Fishing Contest followed by more beach fun to include the Ultimate Belly Flop Contest, the Coconut Contest, Tug O' War and another Outdoor Recreation feature called 'Foster's Flicks'! FF presents a family feature movie right on the beach followed by a mini-fireworks display.

Celebrate Independence Day like never before with a July 4th Parade, chili cookoff, Kiddieland, pony rides, petting zoo, sailing regatta, beer garden, sponsor giveaways, build-a-boat contest, watercraft rentals, great food, Hickam Idol Contest, PACAF Band of the Pacific and climaxed by a spectacular Hickam AFB fireworks display!

Don't miss this awesome

All American 4th of July Beach Blast Weekend. Call Outdoor Recreation at 449-5215 for all the details.

Seaside seafood at the Sea Breeze

Try saying that three times fast! The Sea Breeze Restaurant is offering its famous seafood buffet every Sunday from 6-8 p.m. And what a buffet it is! Seafood at its best includes fish, crab, clams and much more. If you love seafood but are challenged by the high cost, relax. The Sea Breeze seafood buffet is \$21.95. Call 449-9900 for reservations.

Singles group planning hike

The Community Center's Sensational Singles Club is at it again. Members will be hiking the beautiful north shore and visiting some tide pools Thursday. The trip begins at 7 a.m. and returns at about 2 p.m.

Participants are reminded to wear good hiking shoes and bring, bathing suit, towel, lunch, camera and sunscreen. Sign up by Monday at the Community Center or by calling 449-2361.

Last school day Summer bash

The Hickam Youth Center is planning a Pre-Teens 'Last Day of School' Summer Bash Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the center. Pre-teens will spend the afternoon playing ping pong or competing in the video game contest and eating cake and ice cream.

The pre-teen summer schedule (June 13 - August 19) will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Teen Festival set for June 11

Stop by the Teen Center June 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. and start your summer adventure right. The Teen Festival is full of fun including games and activities, free food, a karaoke contest, scavenger hunt, magic card tournament and prizes. Don't miss it!

The teen summer schedule (June 13 - August 19) will be 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. For additional information, call the teen center at 449-2233.